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25X11. Burg (Y81): The town contains one motorized infantry regiment, one armored detachment, and one motorized artillery detachment, but on 9 April these units were represented in Burg only by rear echelon troops, the majority having gone to Altengrabow (Z00) for training. Strong security measures prevented close observation at Altengrabow, but heavy firing of artillery and tanks could be heard. It is alleged that horse-drawn artillery is participating.

25X1 2. Magdeburg (Y80):

a. Magdeburg troops have been reduced one-fourth to one-fifth of former strength since December 1947. Some troops went east by rail, via Berlin, while the greater number proceeded to Altengrabow. There is said to be infantry in regimental strength still at Neuholdensleben (Y51).

b. Observed in Magdeburg between 6 and 8 April:

25X1 Encke Barracks - Headquarters staff. Mobile radio station in yard.

25X1 Friedrichstadt - Approximately 500 mechanized troops. Two tanks in the compound.

25X1 Artillery Barracks - A few rear echelon troops wearing black tabs with red piping. No vehicle traffic noted.

25X1 Air Force Barracks - Artillery troops in training. Two 182 mm howitzers with single tires, plus Stalin system prime movers with one-axle bogie trailers. Guns operated by gun chief and 8 men.

25X1 3. Halle (D92):

a. An assault gun battalion occupies the signal school; two assault guns were seen in the compound.

b. Mongolian troops are due to appear in the Halle area, they had not shown up by the middle of April.

c. AT emplacements have been set up for training purposes on the left bank of the Saale.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY~~CONFIDENTIAL~~4. Göschwitz (J76)

On 5 April an armored corps was on its way to southern Thuringia via Gera, Göschwitz, Weimar, and Erfurt. [redacted]
22 military trains passed through Göschwitz between 2 and 5 April.
One train [redacted] hauled 14 tanks believed to be JS-3's.
A unit with 10 JS-1's and 5 trucks was seen on the Autobahn, moving in the direction of Weimar.

5. Wolfen (E14)

Soviet gasoline dumps are [redacted] filled to capacity at the Farbenwerke and at a former refugee camp in Wolfen-Süd.

6. Wittenberg (E37)

Barracks south of the town are occupied by a Soviet Air Force unit. Four trucks and three tank cars were seen in the compound.

7. Jüterbog (E59)

On 4 April the Altes Lager airfield held a number of undescribed aircraft: 78 were counted along the Treuenbrietzen-Jüterbog rail line and 72 in the western part of the field.

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